

Sanders County Fair Board  
Special Meeting Minutes  
September 1, 2022  
Fair Pavilion, 30 River Rd, Plains MT

Called to order at 12:02 pm by Randy Woods

Present: Randy Woods, Jim Newman, Kim McMahon, Ted Forkum

Also Present: Hailey Coe, Braden Starika, Brian Reed, James Russell, Shannon Benson, Lisa Rice

Randy Woods adjusted the order of business, asking for public participation at the end of the meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The board will be developing a final proposal for the 2022/2023 budget request. Kim explained that the board has been working with the commissioners since last year to increase the fair manager's wages to a more fair and equitable wage. The county is providing a \$2 per hour wage increase for every county employee this year, she would like to increase the fair manager's wages by an additional 18%. Randy mentioned that even with that increase, Melissa would still be the lowest paid department head in the county. He went on to explain that she has turned the fairgrounds into more of a year round event center instead of only being used four days out of the year.

Randy Woods asked if there was any public comment. Kim read a support letter from Rachel Hulce.

**Kim moved to request a budget adjustment to increase the fair manager's wages by 18% over the \$2 to a total of \$23.34 per hour effective July 1, seconded by Jim 4-0 pass**

**NON-AGENDA:**

Randy Woods asked for public participation in Non-Agenda items. There was none.

**Kim moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 pm, seconded by Jim 4-0 pass**